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Israeli spurs debate over Palestinians

By JORDAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Speaking to a political science class with scattered Israeli and Palestinian students, an Israeli soldier, imprisoned for refusing to fight, spurred discussion and debate and created not a few hard feelings last Friday.

"We are part of the Israeli defense forces," Igal Ezrady said. "That's what we do, defend. I chose not to fight because that is my right. Democracy is the opportunity of the individual to express and to think, not only to obey."

Ezrady fought for his country in Lebanon in 1982 and lived to regret it. "There were no dangers to Israel. It was a political, unjustified war," he said.

When called to serve in the occupied territories in 1988, Ezrady refused, saying he would not fight outside Israel's borders if it was not for defense. "Occupation forces one to kill, to destroy houses," he said. "I would not do it."

He served two brief sentences in prison, first for two weeks then again for a month.

Now a member of the activist organization Yesh Guul, which in Hebrew means "there is a limit" or "there is a border," Ezrady is on a speaking tour of the United States to spread information about the Israeli/Palestinian crisis.

Yesh Guul, established during the Lebanon war, seeks to promote a compromise with the Palestinians by giving them the occupied territories. "There are about 1.5

million Palestinians living in the territories now," said Ezrady, "and about 100,000 Israelis. We are becoming South Africa."

Ezrady stressed the need for immediate action. "What is happening today is very dangerous," he said. "The climate will only get more hostile as time continues. Today there is a chance for peace; tomorrow, perhaps not."

According to Ezrady, the Israeli government claims possession of the territories is necessary to act as a buffer, an extra 20 miles between Israel and the Arab world. Ezrady feels this is untrue.

"The Gulf War and the SCUD missiles showed us how little that 20 miles matters," he said. "There are even Israeli generals who have admitted how useless the distance is."

Some members of the class, especially some Israeli immigrants, were angered by Ezrady's remarks. "Do you really think giving the Palestinians the territories will do any good?" asked one woman. "Do you really think Israel will be any safer?"

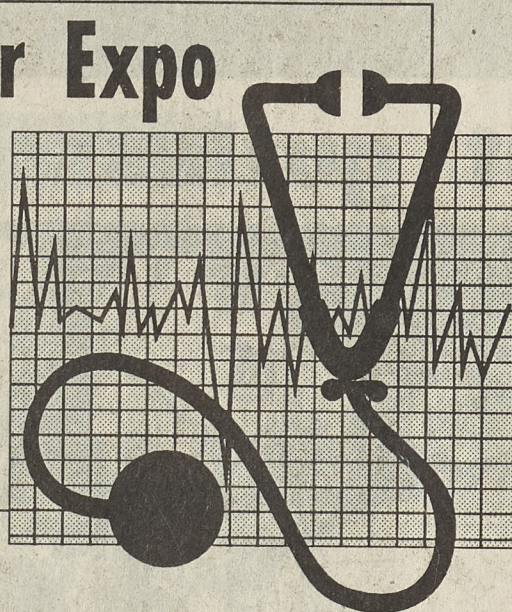
Ezrady responded by putting his palms together and saying, "We must hope so; we must work for peace."

Toward the end of class, Professor Farrel Broslawsky asked a question of two Palestinian sisters who thus far had remained totally silent, listening to the debate. "Do you think it will someday be possible for Israelis and Palestinians to live together in peace?"

"Why not?" they both replied.

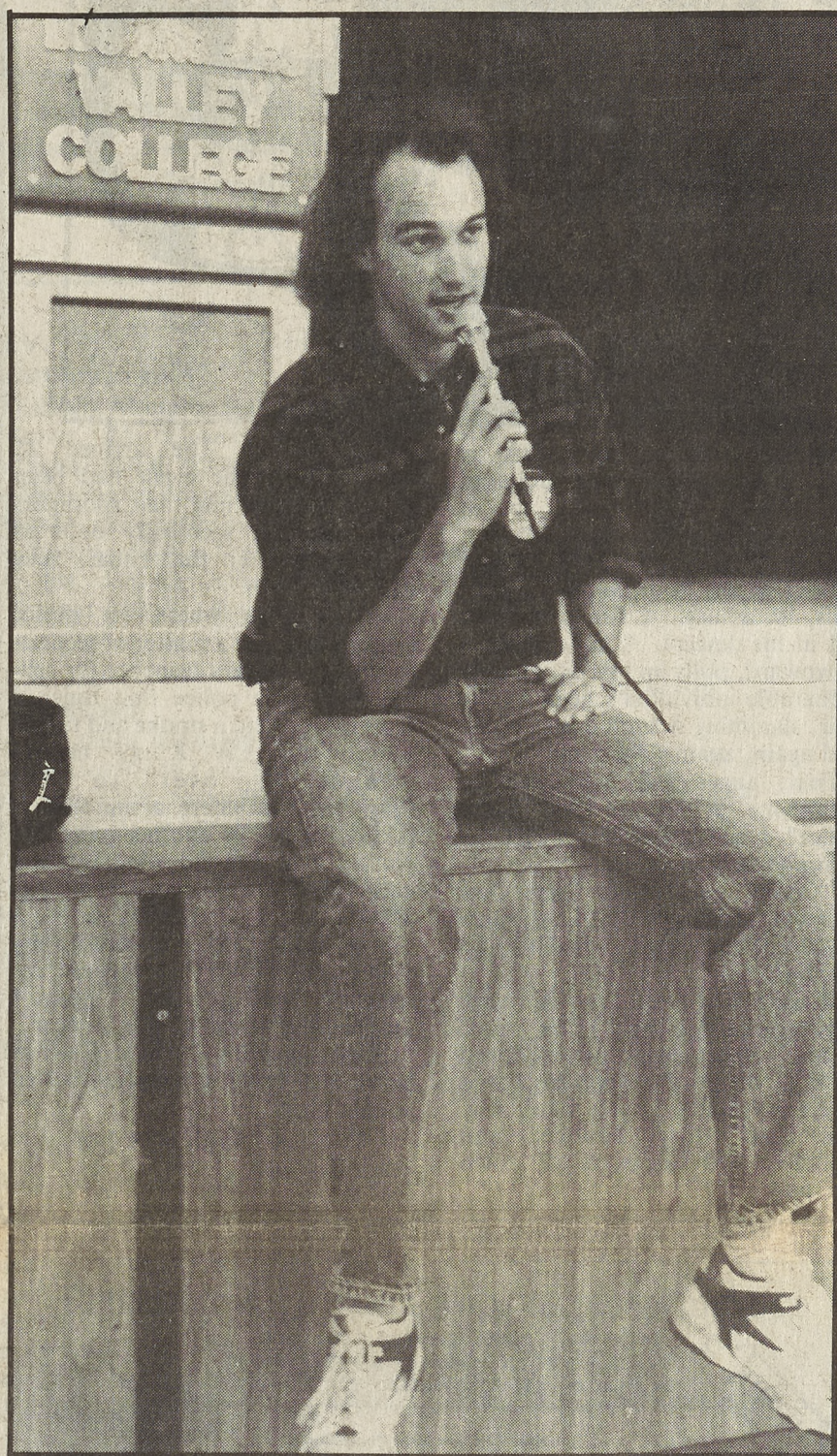
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SANDRA CHAVIRA / Valley Star

Jason Star of Earth Day International spoke against nuclear weapons testing. He said the United States spends \$3 to 4 billion annually to test the weapons.

President Lee says:

'War is over and next war is beginning'

By Chris Mayda
Editor in chief

"We're right, we're marching on, and we're not going to be put in our box any more," said LAVC president Dr. Mary Lee on Wednesday summing up the attitude at Valley College post board of trustees budget vote. Though originally faculty and administration expressed dismay at vice-chancellor Neil Yoneji's \$10 million stabilization fund, reassessment of LAVC's position in the past and the present had Lee and Jack Sterk, faculty president expressing gratitude for Yoneji's determination to simplify the formula of budget funding.

"What Neil did was try to simplify all that, because people can't understand it," she said. After the simplification committee members were able to finally see that Valley has been underfunded for a long time. That coupled with a Valley contingency at each

of the past three board meetings helped Valley to be finally recognized in its budget crisis.

One of the main points stated was "Is it true that no college will go above two percent next year until Valley has its equalization?" Lee said she received a yes answer to her question. "And that is critical. No college can go above two percent next year until we get our million-and-a-half," she said.

Lee thanked the faculty and all who attended the various board meetings. "If we had not been there in mass, they would have not taken us seriously," she said. Without the support of the school less beneficial budgets might have been adopted she said. Though going to board meetings is "...not my style. I have never done that," she emphasized that it was effective.

The dire need of the state for money and the possibilities of the state hand-

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3 arrested for vandalism

By TAMARA CHRISTIAN
Staff Writer

An April Fool's prank by three male Grant High School students ended in their arrest for grand theft auto and vandalism to the Valley College campus yesterday, according to the Campus Police.

The incident apparently started between 4 and 5 a.m. when, police said, the suspects stole a 1980 Ford Bronco near the Rampart Division in Los Angeles and drove to LAVC. There they reportedly destroyed the landscaping by driving over the Monarch Square lawn and flower beds. In addition, when entering and exiting the campus, they apparently damaged the pavement and stairs facing Fulton Avenue near Monarch Square.

Captain Karl Traber of the Campus Police said, "the suspects continued driving on campus until they stalled the vehicle in a flower bed in Lot D facing Oxnard Avenue." At this time, Officer Spence Gosenson observed the vehicle stuck in the flower bed and headed toward it. The suspects reportedly asked

Gosenson for assistance; it was then the officer noticed blades of grass on the tires of the vehicle. He became suspicious and called Officer Richard Ranck for assistance.

On the way over, Ranck spotted the damaged lawn. When Ranck arrived, he realized it was vandalism. He turned to the suspects to arrest them, but they fled toward Grant High School. Both officers pursued the juveniles but had no luck in apprehending them.

Meanwhile Campus Police Student Andrew Zuckerberg heard the description of the three suspects on the police radio and searched for them in the surrounding residential area. Zuckerberg located and observed them at Erwin and Bellaire Sts. He then contacted Gosenson and Ranck on the radio.

LAPD and Campus Police arrived simultaneously on the scene and the three suspects fled again with Ranck and one of the LAPD officers in pursuit. But this time the alleged driver of the stolen vehicle was captured.

LAPD's Juvenile Division Detective Rhudy said, "the other two suspects are in custody

Orchestrating the Expo

By Chris Mayda
Editor in chief

For the past three years Lou Albert has known what to do from Jan. through April. He has run the Health Expo, a meeting ground for 60 health agencies and forum for 50 speakers on health related issues. "I really have to thank my wife for being so understanding during this time," he said. "She just has to bear with me, and she does." Albert has been constantly on the phone coordinating all the people for next week's event: April 7 through 9. The event has been a success before but Albert said, "Every year you want to make it a little bit better, so you work a little bit harder"

He accredits his having been a Marine to the self-discipline it requires to get the speakers for the students. "It's never say die," he says while taking a

short break before a doctor's appointment. "I have been all over this campus coordinating. The enthusiasm is terrific," he says while looking for glasses he fears he left in a colleagues office.

He is still trying to line up a politician for the health reform panel he has planned for Tuesday. He explains how when one speaker hears that he has another speaker the ball starts to role, "You have him/her speaking!" people exclaim and then want to speak also. But it is an election year, and politicians have very full schedules, so

"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things."

Theodore Roosevelt

Albert is still calling, trying to round out his panel. "The persistence pays off," he said, "If they can't speak they advertise, use our name in a pamphlet or do something that helps us."

Albert's enthusiasm spreads to the possibility of a district-wide health program starting next year. Many of the agencies that he has contacted for the health expo could also work with the school once a program is in place. "This Health Expo link is a future link for the students. The concept of the program is to help network and share with the students," said Albert. "The

Expo gives serious thought to future potential" said Albert. The students help us and we help them." Student-suse the facilities and the agencies appreciate their business. The agencies then return for more business.

"I think what really makes the whole program special is that we hear right from the people, not videos, not movies," said Albert. The people who will attend the expo as speakers are professionals with a wide range of expertise.

"It's like the circus coming to town," said Albert. He cites the support of faculty, staff and "truck drivers who give thumbs up 'Expo!'" that makes all his hard work worth while.

Albert rises from his short break. He has a doctor's appointment. As he walks out the door, on his way to find his glasses he says, "It's a podiatrist. My feet are killing me."

NEWSPECTRUM

LAVC Faculty Guild Meeting

Meet the election candidates for faculty guild offices. They will state their platforms and answer questions. Monday, April 6, 1 p.m. in the faculty lounge.

Oye Latinos! Attention Latinos!

The Latin American student or-

ganization will be having its first meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at

noon. The meeting will be held in FI 104. The club is a socio-cultural organization seeking new members.

IBM fair at bookstore

The LAVC bookstore in conjunction with IBM will display the latest in IBM computers and possibly the Roland music system on Thursday April 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Spring dance concert

An Evening of Dance will be presented on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11. Featured will be hip-hop, jazz, modern, ballet, flamenco, African and other styles of dance. The show will be in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 general admission. Tickets may be purchased from LAVC dance students, in the Women's P.E. department or at the door prior to the performances.

Additional information is available from Aaron Bowers or Phylise Smith ext. 298.

Monreal guitar recital

Jesse Monreal will perform in the Music Recital hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday April 2.

York guitar recital

Andrew York will perform on Sunday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the music recital hall. Admission is \$5

students with ID, and seniors and \$6 general admission.

Jazz Band

The LAVC Studio jazz band with Woody James conducting will perform on Monday, April 6 in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

Symphony Orchestra

Theodore Lynn will conduct the LAVC symphony Orchestra on

Tuesday April 7 in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

Phantom of the Opera

The theater and cinema arts department will open their own version of the now famous musical on Thursday April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater. This presentation is written by music staff member Robert Chauls. Admission is \$5 students with ID and \$7 general admission. The play will continue on April 3, 4 and 9 - 11.

We're nothing but gutless losers

By CHRISTOPHER SHARPE
View Editor

I was a witness to two obscenities late Saturday night. Do you have any idea how ugly people are, including myself, when you awaken having nothing but disgust, bordering on hatred, of your "fellow man," the loser?

We are all losers. You! You are a loser, your girl is a loser, your wife is a loser, your father is a loser, your President Bush is obviously a loser, I am a loser. Every damn person in this society is a bloody loser.

While we allow someone, neighbor or stranger, to be abused, tortured, killed, as we sit around singing hymns in church, espousing goodness and peace, lauding on high to the Lord our God, we secretly, or not so secretly, pay dire homage to the "devil," our darkside.

Stop with your hypocrisy! You enjoy watching others get screwed and nailed to the proverbial wall.

You gutless pieces of nothing. Keep preaching harmony and love of God on your holy days or, should I say, holy 45 minutes. The rest of your minutes on earth be yourself.

Live and let die. Be yourself, and if possible, aid wholeheartedly in the destruction of others.

Offended? Good. I hope you stay that way. Wallow in your indignation. May your conscience *never* let you forget the hunger and the hatred perpetrated upon other animals of your species.

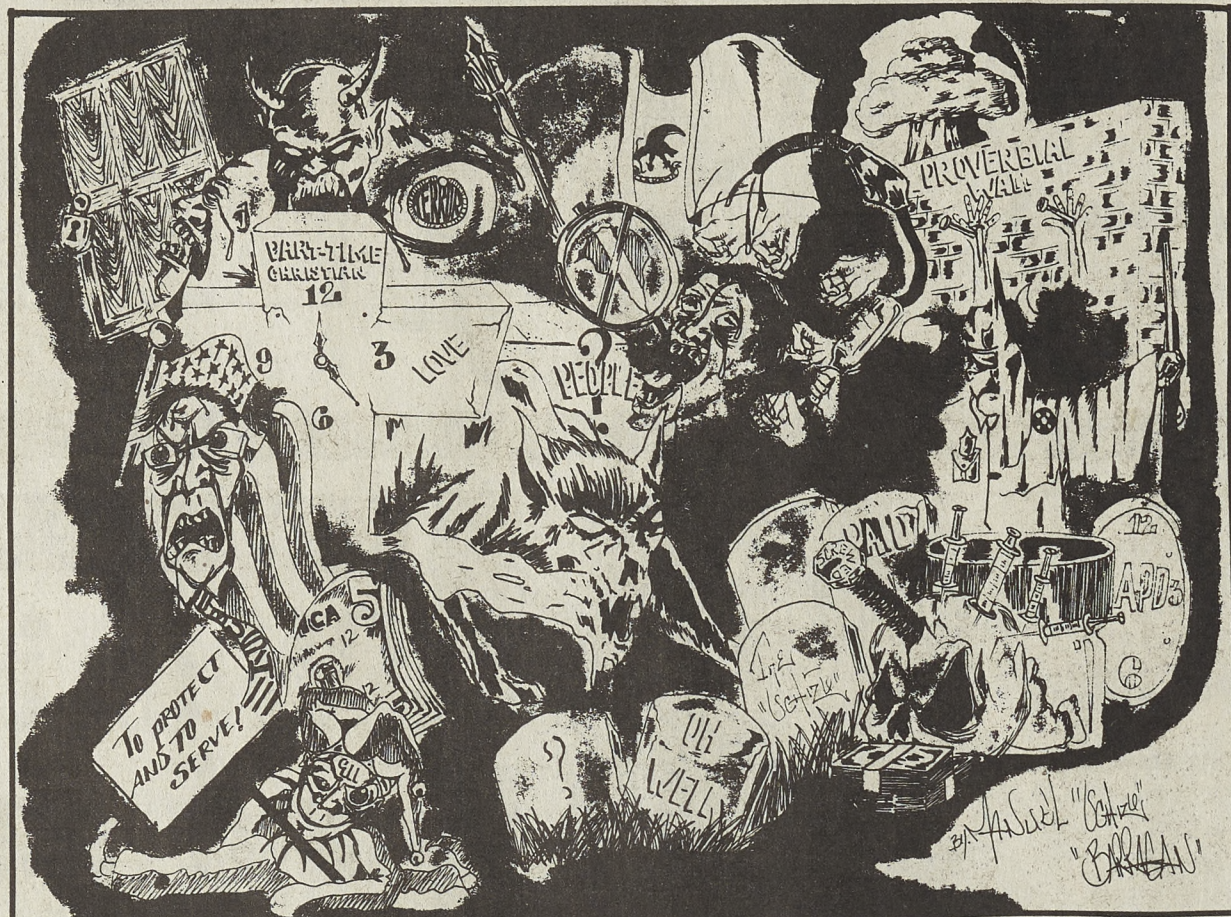
That is what we are, animals. Can not call us people, can we? We don't know what people are... anymore.

Pack animals, gutless as the individual, ruthless as the group.

You ever seen seven trusted, unthinking, uncaring animals entrenched in the throes of insanity?

You ever seen the lone individual desperately trying to stave off these creatures? That individual, crying, screaming for help. From anyone. From you, from me, from the joke of those sworn to "serve and protect."

And he gets no answer. Nothing! Only locked doors, shut windows and closed, unhearing, unsympathetic ears.



"I've poured some gas on him," one animal utters in a guttural voice. "Give me a match." God, it's so easy to envision the terror in this young man's eyes.

A curtain closes on a nearby window, hiding the sight, if not the sound.

"Where's your money, nigger," demands a member of the Hispanic gang. "Gimme your goddamn money."

Two cars drive slowly by, one directly behind the other, a mere two feet from the man filled with terror. The occupants, secure in their own environment, continue on, brake lights having never flickered.

The man's head snaps back as a bottle explodes against his cranium. "Help, please, help me," he cries desperately. Hopelessness permeates his voice. "Please, somebody call the police."

The police. A Black man in a minority and drug infested area has as much a chance at getting help

from the police by day, KKK by night, as the native American has at obtaining justice for the act of genocide committed against them.

A fist flies through the air and the man crumples to the ground. As he falls, an assault of fists and kicks aid in his descent. A hand plunges downward, pulls up this desperately vulnerable individual's head by the hair, slamming it back down, again and again, against the curb.

Fear, anger and rage well up within me. Where are those damn police? I had called 911 when the commotion first started.

"Cops!" one animal rings out. The word has the effect of a shotgun blast. The pack scatters, swiftly and silently.

It was a false alarm, for the police were nowhere in sight. This word, "cops," must have been uttered through divine intervention, for it surely saved that young man's life. The man arose, shocked and bloodied, and staggered off down the road.

The police? The arrived 25 minutes after the event had been played out, flashing their spotlights on quiet and seemingly deserted buildings. After this ritual, they sped off.

In an area where six police cruisers arrive in a matter of seconds to arrest a solitary teenager for selling crack, the police first finished their coffee, had a smoke and talked about the LA Kings before meandering over to the neighborhood where a minority is taking the life of another minority. No big deal. Let the minorities kill each other off. Less work for the police.

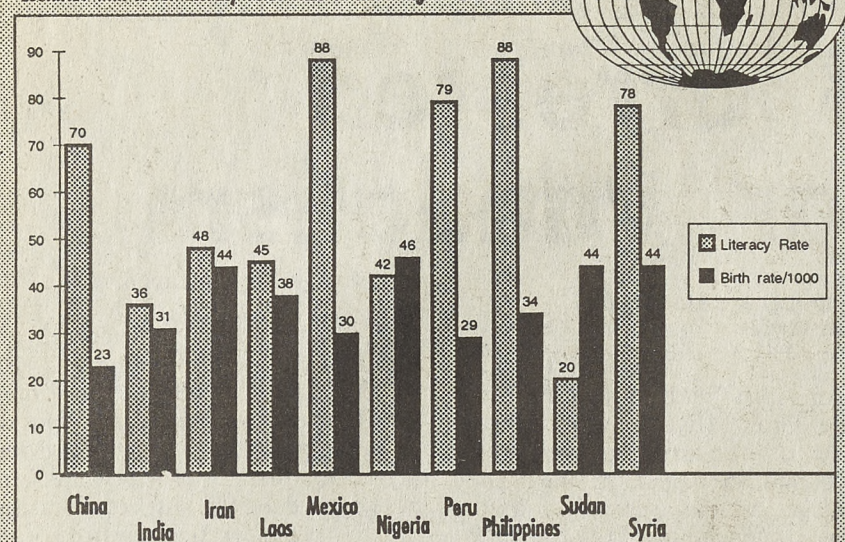
Why didn't I do something? Why didn't I run out to the street and intervene? Good question. I guess I am just like everyone else, a loser.

What a world we live in. A world better off being a recipient of an atomic blast.

Tell me. We don't care about the lives of others. How can we hold dear the life which we call our own?

It's a small world—with many people

Countries with lower literacy rates tend to have higher birth rates.

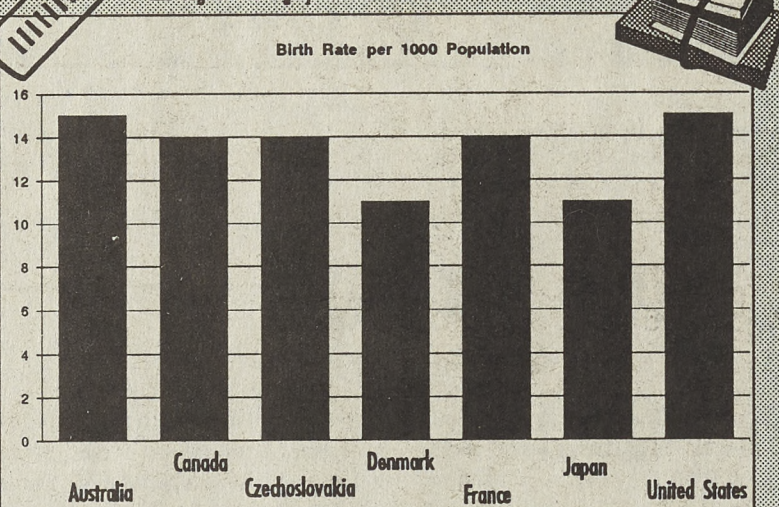


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Is education an effective means of birth control?

Countries with 99 percent literacy have a corresponding low rate of births. The United States birth rate is amongst the highest of highly literate countries.



Do literacy and babies mix?

By Chris Mayda
Editor in chief

All paths lead to the same goal: to convey to others what we are. And we must pass through solitude and difficulty, isolation and silence, in order to reach forth to the enchanted place where we can dance our clumsy dance and sing our sorrowful song - but in this dance or in this song there are fulfilled the most ancient rites of our conscience in the awareness of being human and of believing in a common destiny.

Pablo Neruda
Toward the Splendid City

Our country is the best our earth has to offer, allowing any man or woman to reach the heights of power—if they are special enough. For the rest it offers what they are born into, a name, a color, a sex. And born they are, over and over. The uneducated have babies with such regularity that many educated have wondered if it is a conspiracy. The more babies the more voices to scream their pain and overcome those with the power.

Those with the power, those with the education—they take birth control pills, they abort the unwanted, the unplanned and give the best to those they raise. One child can get a far better education and benefits on a specified

amount of dollars; 10 children get so little when the dollars must be divided so many times.

Education and religion plays a large role in the birthing process both abroad and at home. The United States has a high birth rate when compared to the birth rates of other countries with 99 percent literacy rates. (See graph) But this is because the whites, who have a birth rate of 14.7 per 1000 have more education, over 22 percent of whites have college educations. But both blacks and hispanics have birth rates over 22 per 1000 and have less than 15 percent attending college. Unfortunately if minorities continue to have more children, they also cut off chances to further education for those children. College costs are growing aggressively, state colleges in California have raised rates 40 percent in the past year alone. Many whites with two children or less will have trouble sending their children to college with the increased rates, how about minorities with more children?

So the educated, the powerful, they raise one special child and give that child everything they can. The uneducated, they keep having babies, one after another, either oblivious to birth control, blocked by the power of their faith or spiteful to the decrees of the powerful. But who gets hurt when children are unable to have proper food, education and care because of

economics? One child is far less expensive to care for than three, five, ten. Why in a country with almost total literacy and education do so many choose to ignore available birth control methods in favor of multiple birthings?

Is it better to take the chance and have 10 children and hope that maybe one will escape the ghetto and be the special anointed one to save the people from the life they have brought on themselves with continuous pregnancy, crowds and crime? Can one out of 10 escape the burned out buildings, the drugs, the gangs and provide a meaningful life for a family of their own? Do ghetto inhabitants not rejoice when one of theirs becomes a success and lives the life they watch on sitcom TV night after night, in search of a reality that has eluded them?

Or is it better to have but one child, and pour heart and soul, every breath and all the love into that one; praying that child does not go wrong, but giving it all? Wouldn't schools be more manageable if they did not have the multiple siblings of the poor and downtrodden, but instead the hope and prayer of the carefully watched and blessed child of parents who know they cannot afford to do their best with more than one, even two children?

Since 1930 the population of the world has more than doubled, from 2

billion to almost 5 1/2 billion in 60 years. The United States has also doubled in population since 1930. It took 80 years, 1850 to 1930, for the world to double before, and before that 200 years. (1650 population 500 million, 1850 -- 1 billion). The effects are only now beginning to be seen. Waste disposal, the burning of the ozone layer, the loss of rainforests, the depletion of resources, the quickly declining quality of life for the masses of people who now swarm the earth.

As the number of people grow-- at this rate we will double again in 30 years--temperatures grow shorter, frustrations grow faster and space becomes more precious, more expensive and dearer to each individual who must share it.

Those in power will not lose what they have, so the rest, the masses, will be forced to share an ever shortened supply of space, money, water and air. The fights will become more pronounced, more disconcerting; in 30 years, four people must share what two people must share today; what one person had but 60 years ago.

The riches of our earth are limited, the beauty is transitory, abused. The lack of care, compassion and love will grow as those with little get less and must share with more.

Being a sinner: Throwing no stones

By JOEZEN PUNONGBAYAN
Opinion Editor

We bear daily witness to a multitude of injustices. Bombarded by scenes of miscarried justice through firsthand experience or secondhand reportage, to us injustice has become commonplace.

A numbness sets in, must set in. A blindness born of self-preservation that overpowers an instinctive sense of moral outrage until we simply stop noticing.

"Purse snatcher? What purse snatcher? I didn't see no purse snatcher." We don't see what we don't want to see. It is disappeared, annoying static banished with a fine-tuning that allows us to maintain our precarious hold on a perfect picture of an imperfect world.

Who can blame us for ignoring the daily injustices that surround us?

It seems to me somewhat dangerous to stake out a position so high above the rest of us that one is able to peer down his nose and, for the sin of not opposing an unjust act, confer upon us each and all the title "loser."

This to me is illogical. Such convolutions of pen and mind can, however, be forgiven. For the air at such lofty heights one breathes is so thin that a certain lightheadedness is understandable. It comes with the territory. And the myopic generalities prompting such pronouncements are no doubt the product of a perspective distorted by the distance between pinnacle and purgatory.

From such a dizzying vantage point, one injustice becomes indistinguishable from another, each unjust act a single pinpoint on a pointillist landscape of monochromatic injustices where right is obvious and wrongs are not to be forgiven.

Meanwhile, down here on the ground, feet mired firmly in clay, things get a bit muddy and absolutes are harder to come by. One man's injustices are another man's just desserts.

Was the black beauty queen unjustly robbed of her dignity and a handful of her inalienable rights? Or was the heavyweight champion the victim of a date from Hell lynched by an unjust media? I say let each man and woman judge for him and herself what is just and what is not.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am showing a deep concern with the coverage on the AIDS awareness week. Although there were multiple articles done, those articles did not do the job. I want to thank you, as a co-sponsor of the event, for reassuring the campus that AIDS is a gay disease. It is accurate to say that the majority of people that talked were men. But let me assure you that our intentions, and that of the speakers, was AIDS knows no gender, race, age or orientation.

There were many topics discussed

One passing mortorist sees a woman whose unwashed arms hold aloft a crude sign begging someone, anyone, for the work she needs to earn the money she needs to buy the daily bread she needs and sees a glaring social injustice. While in another car, another driver strikes his head and scowls for he sees this same woman as just another slacker, one more tax burden enjoying the non-fruits of her non-labor.

Six citizens witness a purse-snatching and do nothing. Each onlooker quickly justifies his inaction according to his own system of moral checks and balances.

One remembers a news article about a good deed that left a Good Samaritan good and dead. Another believes this to be not a crime but a co-creation between victim and victimizer and wanders off wondering what lesson his spirit was seeking by allowing their co-creation into his reality.

Yet another sees not the micro but the macrocosm, not simply an unjust crime against a helpless innocent, but an indictment of an unjust system whereby those who have not are forced to perpetrate unconscionable acts of violence against those who have, even those who have very little.

For this man, to personally intervene in this one representative case when the whole fish is rotten from head to tail is like pissing in the wind. Stupid and messy.

So they let flee a purse thief. They have not drawn the line just this side of purse-snatching. But they do have a line drawn there somewhere. We all do, whether we know it or not. A liquid line that vaguely distinguishes the injustices we will permit from those we will risk all to prevent.

Who knows when we will call on ourselves to cross that line. If ever. Who is to judge whose line is rightly drawn and whose is not?

Rather than damn us all to a Hell peopled with fellow "losers" who, having allowed unchallenged an injustice to pass, and as a consequence lost our souls, let us instead acknowledge our fears and forgive us our foibles.

For we are only human and we sit in judgment of no one but ourselves, each of us our own judge, determining which "injustices" we ignore, which we allow and which we will oppose.

Tracy D. Hart
Commissioner of Gay and Lesbian Student Concerns

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Los Angeles Valley College

Health Fair Expo '92

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — April 7, 8 & 9, 1992

... 15th annual Southern California Health Fair Expo ...

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Wellness ... it's the best in each of us!

Exhibits representing numerous community agencies...**Wed & Thurs, April 8 & 9**

Free screenings, 9am to 7pm, Wed & Thurs, April 8 & 9:

Blood Pressure Screening
Body Fat Analysis
Health Review & Referral
Heart Learning Center
Height & Weight Measurements
Nutritional Counseling
Oral Health Screening
Pulse Oximetry (Oxygen In The Blood)
Sav-On Drugs' Ask The Pharmacist!
Stress Reduction Learning Center
Vision Screening

Free screenings, limited times, Wed & Thurs, April 8 & 9:

Cervical & Lumbar screening,
12noon to 3pm, Wed, April 8 &
9am to 7pm, Thurs, April 9

Skin Cancer screening,
9am to 12noon, Thurs, April 9

Tay-Sachs testing, 10am to 2pm,
Wed, April 8

Glaucoma & Cataract testing,
9am to 5pm, Wed & Thurs,
April 8 & 9

Pulmonary Function Studies,
9am to 7pm, Thurs, April 9

Optional blood chemistry panel for only \$20! 28 component blood test. Screens for liver, gout, kidney, anemia & cholesterol, thyroid function.

Additional Health Screenings

The **George Slaff Mobile Center** will be at the Health Fair Expo on **April 9, 10am to 3pm**. Some of the screening and testing offered will be **HIV testing and counseling, STD testing, pregnancy testing** .. and more.

Tuesday, April 7

Health Care Reform

10am to 11:30am, Monarch Hall

E. Richard Brown, MD, UCLA Department of Public Health
John Beauchamp, HEALTH ACCESS, Affordable Health Care for Californians
David Langness, Hospital Council of Southern California, Center of Health Resources
Herman Mulman, National Health Coalition
Dolli Cutler, Executive Director, Senior Alliance, Inc. (Subsidiary of Blue Cross of CA)
Elissa Brown, RN, MSN, CS, California Nurses Association, Board Director for Region 3
Griffith D. Thomas, MD, JD, Panel Moderator

Pro-Choice Issues

11:30am to 12:30pm, Monarch Hall

Choice In Women's Health Care Teach In
Valley Community Clinic, Nurse Practitioners, Importance of Women's Health Care
Cookie Pemberton, WHAM (Women's Health Action Mobilization), History & Risk of Illegal Abortion
Susan Cohen, Health Educator, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Women & HIV
Lisa Martinez, Panel Moderator
Lucy Garcia, Panel Moderator

Pro-Life Issues

12:45pm to 1:45pm, Monarch Hall

AIDS: Impact & Perspectives

7pm to 9pm, Campus Center, Fireside Room

Gary Coleman, MPH, Kaiser Permanente, AIDS: Behavior Modification
Stanton J. Price, JD, Chair, LA County Bar Association Subcommittee on AIDS, Adjunct Professor - CSULB, Legal Rights of HIV Infected
Rene Chavez, LAVC Student
Roxxy Ventola, HIV Positive, TV Producer, Writer, Award-Winning Documentary Filmmaker
Arnie Araica, PWA
Ari Martinez, LAVC Student/Community Volunteer
Lois Bergquist, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Los Angeles Valley College, Panel Moderator

Wednesday, April 8

Campus Rape/Gender Motivated Crimes

10am to 11:30am, Campus Center, Fireside Room

Linda McCabe, Action Vice-President, Los Angeles NOW, Gender Motivated Crimes/Violence Against Women
Johanna Gallers, Ph.D., Director, Valley Trauma Center, State Senate Bill 638 (Boland) - Sex Crimes/Child Rape
Erica Hauck, ASU President, LAVC, Campus Rape: LACCD Policy & Procedures
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CPR Certification Training

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Steroid/Drug Abuse

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Gary Allen Green, MD, Director UCLA Intercollegiate Athletic Drug Testing Program
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John Beimer, Los Angeles Police Department, Training and Legislation Unit of Narcotics Group
Tina Plankinger, Bodybuilder, Doing Steroids Isn't Cool
Dan Duchaine, Steroids: Underground
Angelo Cimity, LAVC Athletic Trainer, Panel Moderator

STRESS: Humor and the Health Connection

6pm to 7pm, Campus Center, Room 104

Fern Carness, RN, BS, CCRN, Wellness At Work, Inc

READINGS: Domestic Violence

7pm to 8:30pm, Campus Center, Fireside Room

Jae Levine Weiss, Writer
Group Readings: Participants of Haven Hills Family Violence Center Creative Options Journal Workshop

Worksite Safety: Repetitive Tasks

7:30pm to 9pm, Campus Center, Room 104

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Thursday, April 9

READINGS: Domestic Violence

10am to 11:30am, Campus Center, Fireside Room

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Group Readings: Participants of Haven Hills Family Violence Center Creative Options Journal Workshop

STRESS: Humor and the Health Connection

10am to 11am, Humanities Building, Room 113

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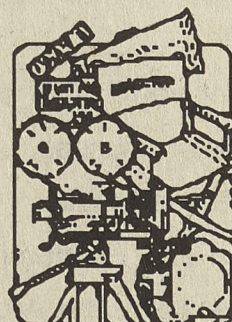
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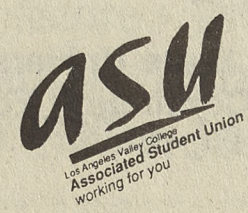
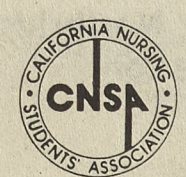
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Theater Arts

New Phantom more humorous

By Mark Morford
Staff Writer

Beginning tonight, right here in Valley College's own well worn, rickety Little Theater, the curtain will rise on the first of six performances of a brand new small-scale production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. This is a new musical version of the play, entirely unrelated to that other production to which Andrew Lloyd Webber lent his talents.

I had the privilege of attending the first run-through dress rehearsal last week, and despite some initial stiff performances and some nagging lags in tempo (problems which I'm sure will be ironed out by tonight), it looks to be quite a colorful production, very entertaining and well worth attending.

Valley College's own Robert Chauls wrote the music for this production, and it marks the second time he and writer Joseph Robinette have worked together (the first was in 1988, when they shared duties on *The Trial of Goldilocks*). In all, Chauls has scored four complete and original operas, including the highly successful *Alice in Wonderland*, which was performed literally thousands of times by various companies across the country, and by 1981-82 was the second most-performed opera in America.

He is involved with numerous opera companies and music organizations, including Opera for Youth, The American Institute of Musical Studies (based in Austria), and the Portland Opera Company, and he also holds the title of Vice President of the National Opera Association. He has been teaching music here at Valley College for nearly twenty years, and we all know that anyone who puts up

with Valley for that long is either in sore need of therapy or has a genuine love for his subject (or both). Seriously, though, his talents are considerable, as this production fairly proves.

The majority of the cast of the *Phantom* are relatively untrained theater and music students, save for LAVC's own robust English teacher Bill Wallis (the Phantom), who has had extensive opera training and experience.

Here's some of what you can expect if and when you decide to attend Valley's production: -- There is more humor in this version, and one particular piece, Carlotta's solo number, offers a delightful, albeit tangential, piece of burlesque song and dance. The two theater owners, Moncharmin and Richard, are also often comically disposed, sometimes seeming as almost caricatures of themselves. The Phantom, Christine, and Raoul are, however, quite serious, as one would expect. -- For some of these (mostly very young) students, this performance marks their stage debut, so expect some nervousness and a few odd pauses while lines are desperately trying to be remembered and cues are possibly mistimed.

The set, at the mercy of limited resources, is a bit sparse, but performs its function admirably, taxing the imagination no more than normal for small stage productions. Ninety percent of the play alternates between two basic settings, backstage at the opera house, and Christine's dressing room, and only in the final scene do we see the more elaborate and dramatic dwell-

ing of the Phantom.

Bob Chauls has an excellent ear for Broadway-type musical numbers, although the slower solo pieces seem to want for *andante* (medium slow) pacing instead of what sounded like *Largo* (very slow).

The sprightlier numbers are a bit more engaging, especially since they are usually sung in chorus, and therefore more richly fill the theater.

Expect some very earnest performances. These students deserve much credit for working so hard at bringing this production to life. Director Pete Parkin has done a fine job considering he has the unenviable task of being the first to bring this version to the stage and make it flow smoothly.

No, its not the Schubert, and they're not Broadway trained actors, but then again, since it is quite likely that most Valley students don't ever see entertainment forms other than mind-numbing movies, you can't complain.

This is the perfect opportunity for many of you to experience, and maybe learn to appreciate, the qualities of live theater. Unfortunately, many Valley students don't even know where the theater is on the campus, so this might be an adventure, as well.

This should prove to be a highly enjoyable and appreciable musical production, and it is recommended. Admission is only \$5.00 for students (ID required) and \$7.00 for non-students. If that's not incredible value for a dynamic play that runs well over two hours, I don't know what is. Check it out, and get yourself a bit of culture in the process. April 2,3,4 & 9,10,11 at the LAVC Little Theater. For Reservations, call (818) 781-1200, extension 353.

Budget...

Continued from page 1

ing out "IOU's" made some wonder if LAVC would receive this long waited for money. "We have no assurances," said Lee, "At worst we get \$500,000." Lee went on to say that other colleges in the district had to plan to reduce their budgets in the next year. "We've been through our hard times," said Lee. "No matter how much money we get -- we are going to make out better."

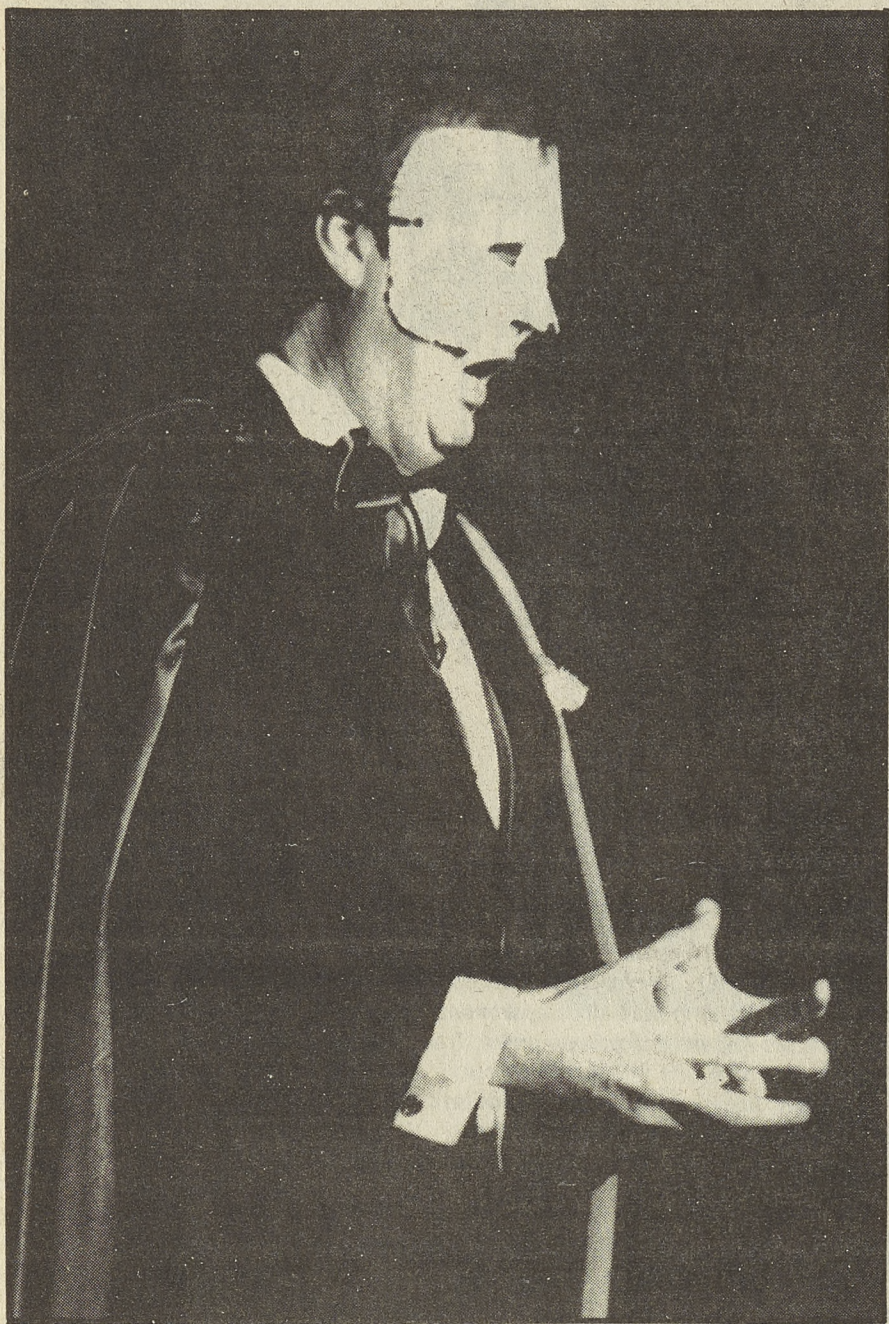
Sterk gave information regarding state funding. "The only way any substantial amount of money can be cut from K through 14 [kindergarten through community colleges] is to suspend Prop. 98," Sterk went on to say that neither Democrats or Republicans proposed to suspend the proposition [regarding school funding].

The optimism spread to hopes for the future of LAVC. "The next 10 years for Valley College, I would like to see some building going on," said Lee. "The last 15 to 20 years we have had nothing, not even our floors." She cited many of the hopes for new buildings at LAVC, a nursing building, third floor for the Campus Center, a health sciences building and the cultural arts center.

Lee recalled what chancellor Phelps said at the LA Trade Tech meeting: that Lee had not asked for any capital construction in the past four years except air-conditioning. "That is absolutely untrue, and you need to know that," She told how the capital construction committee always seemed to put Valley at the bottom of the districts priorities. "The war is over," Lee said, "and the next war is beginning."

"We are a developing college. We have never been completed," Lee said when discussing how other newer developing colleges keep getting money and LAVC is at the bottom of capital constructions list.

"There will be more battles down the line. Nothing is ever settled, but I think we have made great strides toward what we want to do," Lee said.



SHARYN CADIA / Valley Star

All New Phantom Has Arrived— Bill Wallis, phantom, belts out song at dress rehearsal, Monday evening.

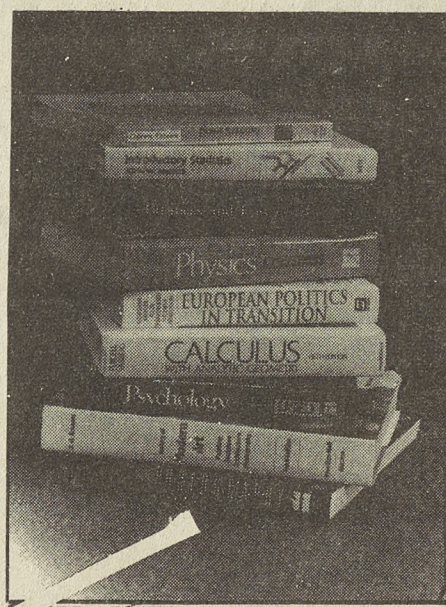
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Raquel listens to...an animal behaviorist

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Old McDonald has a farm, and so does Maureen Hall. With a goat here, a horse and pony over there, dogs, cats, and birds everywhere! Hall, an animal trainer for 30 years, a writer and a former LVC student, says she communicates with animals. Hall's formal education is in ethology (the scientific study of animal behavior.) A soft spoken mature woman came to greet me, surrounded by some of her animals.

Tranquility and peacefulness welcomed me as I drove on to her ranch.

Q. Define for my readers what you are and do. A. I'm an animal behaviorist. I teach classes at Everywoman's Village in Van Nuys on how to communicate with your animal. I also make house calls. I don't push telepathy, rather I teach more on how to better understand your animal.

Q. I understand you train animals for television shows, commercials and movies. Can you tell my readers more? A. I've trained animals for

McDonald's, Michelob, Dodge (Cal Worthington). In television, animals I've trained have appeared in Fresh Prince of Bel Air, Dumbo's Circus, Circus of the Stars, The Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. TV special. I've also trained circus animals. Training animals is my first love.

Q. At what age did you start communicating with animals? A. When I was 2 years old.

Q. How did you know you had this ability? A. This ability has always been with me.

Q. Do you consider this a gift? A. No, I believe everyone can communicate with animals.

Q. What do you say to the people who are skeptics? A. They don't bother me; they don't understand what I do.

Q. How many animals do you own? A. At present time I own 17 animals.

Q. How do you communicate with animals? A. They send me messages of their thoughts in picture form to my mind, which I then interpret.

Q. What are some of the usual complaints of animals? A. More playtime, more walks, being cold at night.

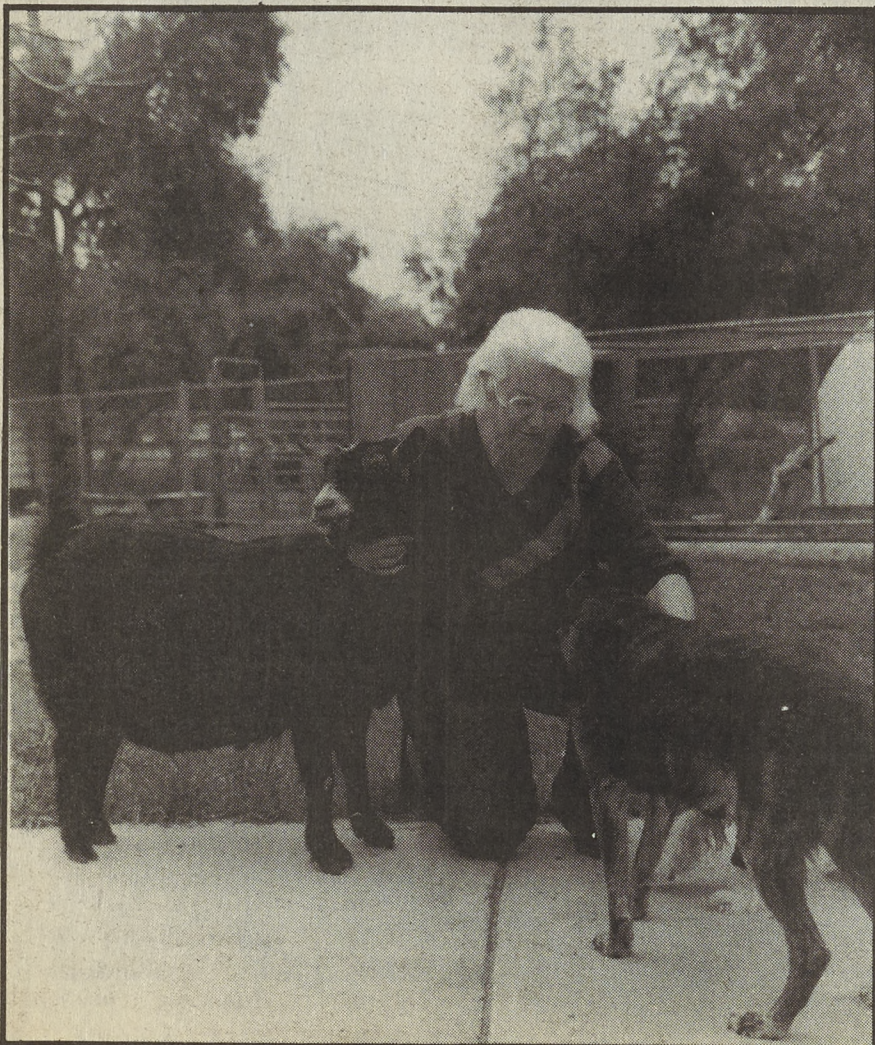
Q. Do you eat meat? A. Yes, but very little. I believe in the food chain, wolves eat rabbits, lions eat zebras, people eat meat.

Q. Are your animals jealous of you communicating with other animals? A. No, my animals are very secure. They know they are wanted and loved and will always be taken care of. That is what all animals want, that's what they communicate to me.

Q. Tell me about your house calls. A. People call me with questions on how to communicate with their animals. I visit their homes and have a session with both owner and animal.

Q. What can we learn from animals? A. Kindness, love, responsibility and loyalty.

See you next week!



UZI ASHKENAZI / Valley Star

Maureen Hall shares a moment with some of her animals at her ranch.



SARAH REINGEWIRTZ / Valley Star

Dr. Shannon Stack, chairwoman of the history, humanities, law and political science departments at Valley College says students are looking to other campuses to finish college.

Students look elsewhere for classes

By KEVIN BOLT
Staff Writer

Planning on graduating from Valley College in two years? Forget it!

With all the budget cuts in the past decade, and more specifically in the last three years, LVC has less instructors, less classes and less supplies to meet the needs of more than 20,000 day-and-night LVC students.

History, humanities, law and political science majors are finding themselves looking to other campuses for that last class requirement to graduate.

"To get through LVC in two years has almost become an impossibility," said Dr. Shannon Stack, chairwoman of the department for the past 13 years. "If you are trying to fill a major, it is hard because certain courses are only offered once every three or four semesters. It is not just our department (humanities) that has been cut; but our whole faculty has been

spread so thin."

One main problem has been that in the last three years, four regular full-time instructors have either retired or left LVC. These instructors were not replaced because there is no budget for it.

"If we don't get to replace these teachers somehow, we won't have a program anymore," Dr. Stack said. "If we got more money, we could put it into hiring more full-time teachers."

There are only 15 Political Science 1 courses available, for both day and night classes, whereas just a few years ago there were 26.

"At the beginning of the fall semester, I had call after call in my office from students trying to get into Polisci 1, but those classes were closed three weeks before school started," Stack said. "We try to keep the number of students to 45-50, but I could have added more than 30 students to each class. As chair I will not overbook classes and have students sitting on the floor. The underfunding is really getting to us."

Supplies, student jobs and tutoring have also been cut. Richard Holdredge, director of the Learning Center, said: "We got cut in personnel, supplies and our student workers. This cuts the amount of time we can directly work with each student."

"The most significant effect is the delay in preparing new materials," he added. "More students are coming into the Learning Center, and we are so swamped it keeps us from adding any new material specifically in the most needed areas of English and math."

The hiring of hourly teachers has been an attempt to fill some of the classes, but it is difficult to find quality, qualified instructors to only teach a few hours per week. These teachers receive no benefits and for the most part have other jobs to supplement their income.

"We need more permanent instructors with office hours because it hurts the student in the long run if they can't go to an instructor to ask for help," Stack said.

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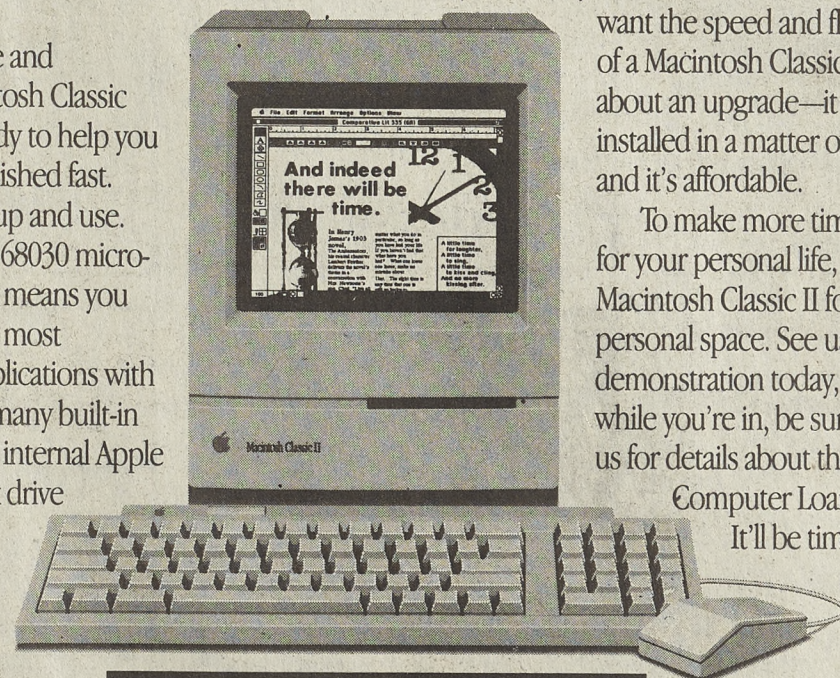
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Playoff berth still alive

By KEVIN BOLT
Staff Writer

It wasn't the intimidation factor, the .366 overall team batting average, or the returning all-conference players that sets this team apart from the rest.

It was the confidence that surrounded the No.2-ranked junior college baseball team in the state, Pierce, as they handed the Monarchs a 8-2 loss in front of a capacity crowd at Valley College Saturday.

The Brahmas (19-2-1, 11-1 in Western State Conference play), pounded out 10 hits, led by short-stop Ricky Banuelos, who was three for five with a triple, two runs batted in and three runs scored off Monarch losing pitcher Jake Loveridge (1-2).

Pierce starting pitcher Chris Brown tossed a complete game, four hitter to pick up his second win of the year over Valley.

Brown (5-1) allowed no earned runs, but pitching in his first start in 11 days, walked seven. "I hadn't pitched in a while because of the rain, but I pitched against Valley a few weeks ago (a 10-4 win at Pierce)," Brown said. "They have a couple of good hitters, but I knew they couldn't hit my stuff."

After the second inning when the Monarchs posted a 2-1 lead on back-to-back singles by Mike Murray and Mike Engler, Valley's offense put up nothing but goose-eggs.

"We are just not swinging the bat right now," Head Coach Chris Johnson said. "We have some guys playing for the first time at this level, and I'm a little disappointed, because at the beginning of league play we were swinging the bat real well. I still think we are capable of making the play-offs, but we have to start swinging the bat a little better."

Pierce center fielder Erik Martinez, who had two hits and two RBIs, hit a bases-loaded, ground-rule double over the right-center field fence to highlight a 5-run fourth inning for the Brahmas, who never looked back.

Pierce Head Coach Bob Lofrano said, "We put up good offensive numbers, but you win with good pitching and defense. We walked seven today and committed three errors, and our goal of winning the WSC is nowhere close to being settled."

The Brahmas have a game and a half lead over second-place Ventura (9-2). Valley (10-14-1, and 5-6-1 in the WSC) will have to make a serious run to make the post season.

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Brown and Pearlman; Loveridge, Aguinaga and Walsh.
W-Brown (5-1). L-Loveridge (1-2)
2B-- P-Martinez. 3B: P-Banuelos.

Last Thursday, the Monarchs had to settle for a 4-4 tie with Santa Barbara, despite Valley's Manny Fernandez tossing no-hit ball for eight innings.

After 12 innings the game was called because of darkness and will only be made up if there are play-off implications. Fernandez was removed because he was pitching for the first time in more than a week, due

to a back injury, and had a pre-set pitch limit of 85. "Manny had a no-hitter going, but with his back injury, I didn't want to stretch him," Coach Johnson said.

Arnold Settles led the Monarchs offensive attack with three hits, including a 2-run homer in the fourth.

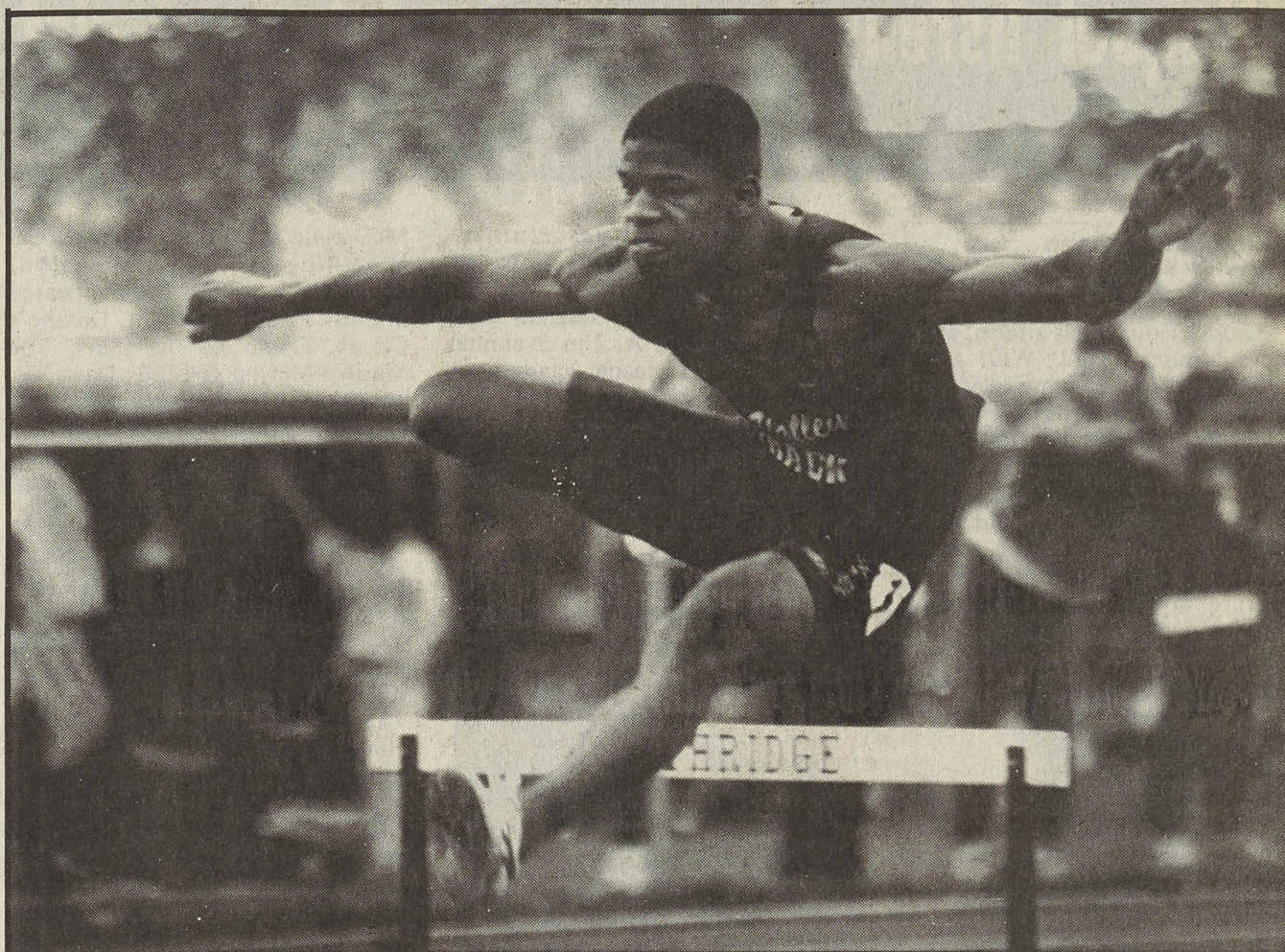
Fernandez (3-3) said, "My back was hurting somewhat when coach took me out. I'm more disappointed that our team didn't get the win than me not getting the no-hitter."

A home game versus Cuesta last Tuesday resulted in a 6-2 loss for Valley, giving Mario Joy (0-1) his first pitching decision, a loss.

WSC Standings

Pierce	.....	(11-1)
Ventura	.....	(9-2)
Canyons	.....	(8-4)
Cuesta	.....	(6-5)
Bakersfield	.....	(6-6)
Valley	.....	(5-6-1)
Moorpark	.....	(5-6)
Santa Barbara	.....	(4-7-1)
Santa Monica	.....	(3-9)
Glendale	.....	(2-8)
Oxnard	.....	(2-10)

Note: Top six teams will qualify for WSC play-offs starting April 28.



PETER MAXWELL / Valley Star

Valley's Jason Gibbs clears the first hurdle on his way to a 55.3 in the men's 400m hurdles at the Northridge Invitational.

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MARCUS REED
Men's Track

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HANNA SMITS-VAN-OYEN
Women's Swimming

LAVC SOPHOMORE - Notre Dame H/S

At Santa Barbara Easter Relays [50 schools] Marcus placed first in 100 meters with a time of 10.4 and first in the long jump - 23 ft. 3 inches. He also ran on first place 800 meter relay with a time of 21.4 for 200 meters.



Hanna was a triple winner -vs- Pierce and Santa Monica. She won the 100 Freestyle, the 200 Freestyle, and the 500 Freestyle events. Hanna is an exceptional freestyler and should qualify for the State Swim meet.



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